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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 704
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A RESOLUTION to honor Janet Burgess on her selection as
Johnson City School System High School
"Teacher of the Year."

WHEREAS, each year the Johnson City School System specially recognizes one of its high school teachers, an exemplary individual who instills in their students a strong desire to succeed and to be good citizens; and

WHEREAS, Janet Burgess, who has taught Chemistry and Physical Science with distinction for more than 33 highly productive years, was appropriately honored as this year's Johnson City High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded teacher at Science Hill High School, Janet earned a Bachelor's Degree from East Carolina University and has taken graduate courses at Appalachian State University, East Tennessee State University and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burgess started her distinguished teaching career at Springer Junior High School in Wilmington, Delaware, teaching seventh-grade Science and Math; and

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WHEREAS, she later moved to Boone, North Carolina, then to Raleigh, North Carolina, before coming to Johnson City's Liberty Bell Junior High School, in 1973; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, this dedicated educator joined the faculty of Science Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in her profession, Janet has generously volunteered her time and considerable skill as a valued member of both the Tennessee Science Study/Writing Committee, to help frame the Science Curriculum for grades K-12, and as a member of the important Chemistry Performance Committee, which will develop the state's Gateway Test in Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, she has been elected "Teacher of the Year" three times during her tenure at Ligon Junior High School, in Raleigh, at Liberty Bell, and now at Science Hill; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend Janet Burgess; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Janet Burgess on her selection as "Teacher of the Year" and express our deepest appreciation to her commitment to the children of Johnson City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.